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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN NAVAL SHIPS: APRIL 28 P.M.

REF: A) CINCPACFLT 260651Z APR 75 (NOTAL); B) STATE 07632;

C) MANILA 5402; D) BANGKOK 7442; E) KL 2263

1. WE NOW INFORMED (1530 LOCAL APRIL 28) BY MFA UNDER
SECRETARY YUSOF THAT FOUR CAMBODIAN NAVY BOATS MOVED
SUNDAY TO PULAU PERHENTIAN (5 DEG 55 MIN N.; 102 DEG 44E)
AND WILL DEPART AT FIRST LIGHT TOMORROW (ABOUT 2300 ZULU)
FOR SUBIC BAY. THEY WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF MALAYSIAN
WATERS BY MALAYSIAN NAVY AND POLICE CRAFT. ACCORDING TO
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YUSOF, THERE ARE CAMBODIANS ON THE SHIP SUCH AS COL. CHIN

FERNANDEZ AND A FEW OTHERS WHO DESIRE TO GO ON TO FRANCE WITH THEIR FAMILIES. BALANCE OF 585, HOWEVER, WANT ASYLUM IN THE US.

2. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, YUSOF ALSO SAID THAT KRISHNA HAD SAID REFUGEES ON HIS PC AND THE OTHER THREE CRAFT CAME FROM A LARGE FLOTILLA OF SMALL BOATS FLEEING COMMUNISTS. TWENTY-NINE SMALLER CRAFT WITH WEAPONS WERE LEFT EITHER ANCHORED OR BEACHED AT KAS RONG SAM LAM, WHICH APPEARS ON OUR MAPS AS AN ISLAND IN THE MOUTH OF THE BAY OF KAMPONG SAM. HE SEEMED TO THINK US MIGHT WISH TO RETRIEVE THESE BOATS AND WEAPONS.

3. EMBASSY NOTES REQUEST TO COMSEVENTHFLT TO REPORT POSITIONS OF BOATS (REF A) IF PRACTICABLE AND SUGGESTS, IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER ON BOARD, THAT US NAVY SHIPS IN SOUTH CHINA SEA HAIL AND DETERMINE STATUS OF FOOD, FUEL AND WATER IF THEY ENCOUNTER CRAFT.

4. IN FYI TO KL 2260 WE REPORTED TWO ADDITIONAL CAMBODIAN LANDING CRAFT HAD ARRIVED IN TUMPAT ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS. YUSOF HAS INFORMED US THIS REPORT IS ERRONEOUS AND THAT FOUR BOATS REFERRED TO IN PARAS 1 - 3 ABOVE ARE ALL SUCH CRAFT THAT HAVE REACHED MALAYSIA. UNDERHILL

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